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Secretary Marlene Dortch
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INVESTMENT ADVISERS

Re: Docket No. 07-16

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I write to you to voice my support for the proposal by M2Z to provide free, broadband Internet service.

As a small business owner, I have been very involved in Cleveland's business community as well as its political and civic arenas. In my various capacities over the last several years—as chairman of the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, chairman of the Council of Smaller Enterprises, and a board member of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority—I have become intimately familiar with the leaders, resources, people and struggles of this region, particularly those of Cleveland, which has the unfortunate distinction of being ranked the poorest big city in America.

There is no silver bullet that addresses Cleveland's or any other city's challenges, but one thing is clear: We must begin by empowering all of our residents to dream, learn and achieve. Free broadband Internet access is key. Our children and small businesses must have access to the knowledge, educational opportunities and business growth potential offered by the Internet. That is precisely the reason I dedicate a significant amount of my time to One Community, an organization working to provide free, wireless Internet access throughout Cleveland. M2Z proposes to do the same thing One Community is working toward but on a larger scale, and has the potential to jumpstart the economies of many of our country's older cities.

It is simply not acceptable that the United States ranks 21st in the world in broadband penetration. M2Z's proposal, as outlined in docket number 07-16, is a first step toward moving older American cities—and our country as a whole—forward. I ask you to approve it immediately.

Sincerely,


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